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LOSSES TO MILK PRODUCERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large Milk Powder and other Milk related products are being dumped into the country at cheaper rates,causing huge losses to milk producers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the milk producers in the country are. too small land holders, sometimes landless and are not in a position to face the challenge; and

(d) if so, the details of steps taken so far to protect dumping and to produce more milk alongwith the achievements made in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) & (b) India is self sufficient in milk as it is the largest producer in the world. It is also a net exporter of dairy products.Till recently Ministry of Commerce was providing incentives on export of casein and skim milk powder. Though some dairy items like Skim Milk Powder,Milk food for babies, Butter Milk, Yoghurt, Whey Powder, Cheese, Butter, Cream, Butter oil, Ice Cream, Evaporated Milk etc. are imported into the country, there is a ceiling of 10000 MT on import of Skim Milk Powder under Tariff Rate Quota. Beyond this an import duty of 60% is levied on the value of their import making imports uncompetitive. Given above, possibility of dumping milk powder & other milk related products does not appear to exit.

(c) Such challenge does not exist presently in view of (a) & (b) above.

(d) Question does not arise in view of (a) to (c) above.